



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

February 3, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF EXCESS FUNDS GRANTS
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds in the total amount of \$190,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Ladera Park Senior Center Project.
2. Allocate Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds in the total amount of \$200,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Improvement Project.
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to award grants for the projects when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommendations will allocate funds for capital improvement grants to the County for the construction of a new Senior Center building at Ladera Park and to the MRCA for the Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Improvement Project and will provide for administration of the grants under existing Regional Park and Open Space District guidelines.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. A total of \$6,278,804.80 of Excess Funds is available for allocation in the Second Supervisorial District, as shown in Attachment A.

It is also recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grants, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by your Board. The Director will determine that the applications for the funds are for projects eligible to receive District funding.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) and Goal 6 (Community Service) by allowing your Board to allocate Excess Funds to the County for the Ladera Park Senior Center Improvements Project and to the MRCA for access improvements to the Ballona Creek trail and bike path.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

In a related item, the Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting approval of the Ladera Park Senior Center project, including the allocation of \$190,000 from the Regional Park and Open Space District.

Sufficient appropriation for these grants in the amount of \$390,000 is budgeted from the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6. Funds for the grants are available from the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations for additional capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04 Excess Funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides for an annual determination of the availability of excess funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 24, 2003, your Board identified funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2003-04. The recommended grants would be funded from the amounts identified for the Second Supervisorial District, as shown in Attachment A.

Proposed Ballona Creek projects using funds allocated pursuant to Section (24), Paragraph (c) of the 1996 Proposition are required to be reviewed by the Department of Public Works for consistency with any applicable master plan and flood control plan. A copy of the Department of Public Works' letter approving the concept plan for the proposed Ballona Creek project is included as Attachment B.

The 1996 Proposition establishes conditions on the award of Excess Funds, and the Board may establish additional conditions. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997 and used since then for the administration of similar grant projects. The Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will provide additional recreational and open space opportunities to residents of the Second Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

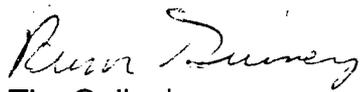
These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that these actions will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



For Tim Gallagher
Director, Parks and Recreation

Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
Second Supervisorial District
EXCESS FUNDS
As of January 1, 2004

Allocation Category	(A) Cumulative Funds	(B) Previous Allocations	(A-B) Available for Allocation	(C) Recommended Allocations	(A-B)-(C) Remaining
Highest Priority Regional Open Space and Recreation Projects (Specified)	\$4,002,854.40	\$ -	\$4,002,854.40	\$ 200,000.00	\$3,802,854.40
Cities	\$2,001,427.20	\$2,001,427.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County	\$2,001,427.20	\$ 615,000.00	\$1,386,427.20	\$ 190,000.00	\$1,196,427.20
Competitive	\$ 889,523.20	\$ -	\$ 889,523.20	\$ -	\$ 889,523.20
Second District Total:	\$8,895,232.00	\$2,616,427.20	\$6,278,804.80	\$ 390,000.00	\$5,888,804.80



JAMES A. NOYES, Director

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REFER TO FILE: WM-7

Attachment B

December 31, 2003

Mr. Charles Arnold
Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Arnold:

BALLONA CREEK TRAIL AND BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This is a response to your letter dated October 22, 2003, requesting approval of your Ballona Creek Trail and Bikeway Improvement project concept plan for your efforts to obtain Proposition A funds.

Both Mr. Anthony Nyivih and Mr. Brian White of this department have been working with you in developing the project concept to enhance selected bike path access points along Ballona Creek in the City of Los Angeles between the Marina Freeway and the Culver City boundary. This proposal would provide opportunities for aesthetic, recreational, and environmental resource enhancements along Ballona Creek.

Your proposed project is consistent with Public Works' efforts to enhance our flood control channels and improve the existing bikeways. Therefore, we approve your project in concept as described.

We recognize that the exact entrances and extent of the enhancements will be determined during the final project design phase. If some of the proposed improvements fall within the Los Angeles County Flood Control District control right of way, you would need to obtain a Flood Control Permit from our Construction Division.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Steven Ross at (626) 458-4316 or via e-mail at sross@ladpw.org.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works



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Assistant Deputy Director
Watershed Management Division

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cc: City of Los Angeles (Michelle Mowery)
Regional Park and Open Space District (Curt Robertson) ✓